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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 May 2007.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Responsive to RCE filed on 05/01/2007.

Claims 1-21 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claims ~~1-21~~¹⁻²¹ are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply

with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Regarding claim 17, the specification as originally filed does not adequately describe, "identifying incoming bit streams of data, each containing at least two services". The specification as originally filed discloses only one incoming bit stream (paragraph [0027]); in addition, the specification as originally filed doesn't have support for the "identifying incoming bit streams, each containing at least two services".

Similarly, the specification as originally filed doesn't have support for the feature of *adding a tag to identify the service of the segment*. Furthermore, the original

specification doesn't describe the processing of tagged segments from at least two bit streams into a single packet.

Regarding claims 1-11, 18, 20 and 21, these claims depend from claim 17, thus they are subject to the same rejections.

Regarding claim 19, the specification as originally filed does not describe the "means for receiving and identifying incoming bit streams of data containing at least two". In particular, the specification discloses only one bit stream being received as indicated on paragraph [0027] and figure 5.

Similarly the specification as originally filed doesn't describe the feature of "means for identifying incoming bit streams of data containing at least two services"; *data in a tag to identify the service of a segment*, and processing of tagged segments from at least two bit streams into a single packet for transmission.

Claims 12-16 depends from rejected claim 19, thus they are subject to the same rejection.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

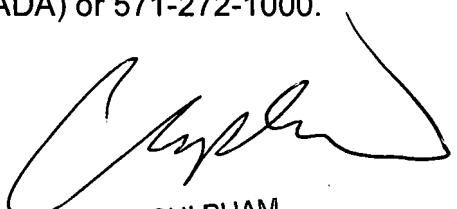
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: See Form PTO 892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AHMED ELALLAM whose telephone number is (571) 272-3097. The examiner can normally be reached on 7-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi H. Pham can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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